

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on March 22, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 450, 3/20/2007; HJ 35,
3/20/2007; HB 284, 3/20/2007
Executive Action: HB 284, HJ 35, HB 450

00:00:01 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON HB 450

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:25 **REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI (D), HD 63**, opened the hearing on **HB 450**, Partial social security numbers for rec license apps contingent on fed approval.

Proponents:

00:03:13 Amy Pfeifer, Child Support Enforcement Division,
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:05:02 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife
and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis61a01)

Opponents:

00:05:41 Doug Nulle, Attorney

Informational Testimony:

00:09:01 Sen. Joe Balyeat, Montana Shooting Sports Association

00:10:49 Keith Allen, Self (came in late to speak as a
proponent)

EXHIBIT(fis61a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:55 Sen. Gallus to Amy Pfeifer, DPHHS

00:13:34 Sen. Balyeat to Amy Pfeifer, DPHHS

00:15:13 Sen. Balyeat to Keith Allen

00:16:17 Sen. Gallus to Amy Pfeifer, DPHHS

00:18:11 Sen. Balyeat to Amy Pfeifer, DPHHS

00:22:47 Sen. Bales to Amy Pfeifer, DPHHS

00:24:31 Sen. Balyeat to Amy Pfeifer, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:31 Rep. Pomnichowski

HEARING ON HJ 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:34 REP. BOB EBINGER (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HJ 35, Urge fish, wildlife & parks weed program performance audit.

EXHIBIT(fis61a03)

Proponents:

00:31:27 Clay Williams, Park County Weed Coordinator

EXHIBIT(fis61a04)

00:33:11 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association, and referenced John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, also supports HJ 35

00:34:48 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:35:41 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

00:36:33 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:38:08 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis61a05)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:35 Sen. Tash to Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:41 Rep. Ebinger

HEARING ON HB 284

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:36 REP. SHANNON AUGARE (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 284, Improve Giant Springs state park - agreement with Little Shell Tribe.

Proponents:

00:44:57 Hal Harper, Governor's Office

00:47:29 Joe Maurier, Administrator, Parks Division, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis61a06)

00:50:23 Russell Boham, Little Shell Tribe

EXHIBIT(fis61a07)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:50 Sen. Tash to Rep. Augare

00:55:11 Sen. Barkus to Rep. Augare

00:57:11 Sen. Bales to Russell Boham, Little Shell Tribe

00:59:04 Sen. Tropila

01:00:47 Sen. Tash to Sen. Tropila

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:27 Sen. Augare

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 284

01:02:04 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 284 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 35

01:02:35 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BARKUS moved that HJ 35 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 450

01:03:07 **Motion:** SEN. LARSON moved that HB 450 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

01:03:20 Sen. Balyeat

01:03:59 Sen. Barkus

01:04:20 Sen. Tropila

01:04:26 Sen. Balyeat

01:04:57 **Vote:** SEN. BARKUS CALLED THE QUESTION ON HB 450. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. GALLUS voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis61aad.pdf](#))